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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

I find it interesting that in order to get information on what is in our food, who controls it, and how it is affecting Americans I had to watch an indie-film, "Food, Inc."

It is the responsibility of the American government to support and protect the interest of the American people, not American corporations. Corporations so misguided that they spend billions of dollars to lobby our government and promote monopolies, threaten farmers with legal battles they can't win because they will not buy the corporations product. And in turn, the life of that farmer, the family, and the community. Their way of life and financial support are in turn devastated if they refuse to conform.

This must change. I am "hungry for change." In fact, so much so that my husband and I have vowed to begin eating a completely organic and locally grown diet. If we as a small family are committing to this change, it is time that our government and judicial system stop companies, like Monsanto, from controlling the lives of others so deeply that is is reminiscent of the days of slavery.

We need your support. The food that is grown must be a benefit to the environment, not threaten and eventually devastate the environment. We have come to far to allow this to continue.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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